

Plagiarism

- The theft of someone else's writing or ideas.
- The copying of text from a source without attribution.
 - This includes the textbook!
 - Changing a few words does not make it no longer plagiarism!
- The paraphrasing of text or the use of an idea from a source without attribution.

What happens if I plagiarize?

- It depends on
 - The weight of the assignment
 - The severity of the infraction
 - The likelihood that it is a mistake rather than an act of dishonesty
- Possible outcomes
 - A warning
 - A grade penalty
 - An F in the course

How do I avoid plagiarism?

- Please DO use outside sources. This is good writing.
- When you quote from an outside source, place the quote within quote marks and include a citation pointing to the source.
- When you paraphrase from an outside source, include a citation pointing to that source at the end of the section within the paraphrase.
- You may use any typical citation format.
 - Chicago
 - MLA

Policy on LLM/AI Tools in this Course

- This is a writing intensive course
 - The ideas and words in work you submit for this class must be written by you.
 - You may not use LLM/AI tools at the generative stage of writing: brainstorming, outlining, organizing, researching, and writing.
- Including fabricated data is also a form of academic dishonesty.
 - This could include statistics, facts, or quotations that are fake.
 - In the case of quotes, this could include egregious misattribution.
- You may use weak/narrow AI grammar checker programs (such as Grammarly) to check your grammar and help facilitate the revision of your initial drafts.
 - You should not just automatically accept changes suggested by such programs.

Penalties for Misuse of LLM/AI Tools

Violation	Penalty
First instance	Student must rewrite and resubmit the assignment, for a maximum grade of 70; incident reported to the university
Second instance	Student will not receive credit for the course; incident reported to the university

LLM/AI Use Statement

For the papers, you must also submit a statement (in the Canvas comment box) on whether or how you used AI in your assignments. I will not grade assignments that do not include such a statement. Use the following format.

Circumstance	Statement
The student did not use AI at any point in the prewriting, drafting, or revising process.	I did not use generative AI tools in this essay.
The student used a program such as Grammarly to check for errors.	I used Grammarly to check my grammar. For example, Grammarly suggested revising [x] to [y].

Some Notes on LLM/AI

- Turnitin does have an AI detection tool.
- The best defense against an AI-use accusation is to have a rough draft of your paper.
- You do NOT need to include the LLM/AI use statement for primary source responses.

Implications of Using LLM/AI

- You will NOT be practicing the skills this class is meant to teach you.
- Recent studies suggest depending on LLM/AI tools make people worse thinkers.
- If you use LLM/AI tools to generate writing in this class, you are a cheater and a liar, even if you get away with it.
- Illegitimate use of LLM/AI tools degrades the trust between professors and students.